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SELA CONFERENCE ATLANTA

OCTOBER 26-29, 1966

Since the South Carolina Library Association voted for biennial conferences in alternate years to the Southeastern Library Association conference, South Carolina librarians, trustees, and friends are urged to attend the forthcoming SELA Conference in Atlanta.

Non-members may obtain a membership application, a program, and related information from Mary Louise Rhey, Atlanta Public Library, 126 Carnegie Way, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Advance payment of registration, tours, and meals will expedite matters.

The Marriott Motor Hotel, Gain and Courtland Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, is the conference hotel. Reservations two weeks in advance of the conference carry conference rates.

NEW SLB STAFF MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Thatcher Paris joined the staff of the State Library Board on September 23.

Mr. Paris has been appointed to the new position of Reference Assistant. He is a Kentuckian and received his education at Western Kentucky State College and the University of Virginia. For eight years he worked in various departments of the Library of Congress and has since directed the Fairfax (Virginia) Historical Society; worked as research assistant for American Historical Publication Company, been librarian at Trinity School, Louisville, Kentucky; and Reference Assistant at Montgomery County (Maryland) Public Libraries. Mr. Paris is also an author and lecturer.

Mrs. Paris (the former Janet Fresch) is a native of Baltimore and received her library training at Drexel Institute (B. S.) and Columbia University (M. L. S.). She has worked as cataloger at Enoch Pratt and the Library of Congress and in the Preparations Division, New York Public Library. She was an instructor in the Department of Library Service at Nazareth College, Louisville, Kentucky, and Young Adult Librarian and Reference Librarian in a branch of the Montgomery County (Maryland) Department of Public Libraries. Mrs. Paris was also editor of the book catalog of the Montgomery Library, 1961-66. She has been appointed Cataloger for the State Library Board, succeeding Mrs. Frances C. Stuart.

Margie Herron, Extension Librarian, ABBE Regional Library, will join the staff of the State Library Board as Field Service Librarian on October 7. Miss Herron, a native of Aiken, is a 1963 honor graduate of Winthrop and received her M. S. in Library Science from Rutgers University in 1964. She was awarded a library school scholarship by the State Library Board.

OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES

Miss Lightsey to York

Norma Lightsey, State Library Board staff member since 1963, has been appointed director of the recently established York County Library. Before joining the staff of the State Library Board, Miss Lightsey, a graduate of the Emory School of Librarianship, was employed by the Emory University Library and prior to that was on the staff of the South Georgia Regional Library in Valdosta.

Chester Librarian Resigns

Flint Norwood, librarian of the Chester County Library since 1961, has resigned effective January 1 to become librarian of the Statesville (North Carolina) Public Library. Mr. Norwood was previously connected with the Enoch Pratt and Richland County public libraries.

Lexington Branch Librarian

Mrs. Fred Toms, the former Pamela Senn, assumed her duties as librarian of the R. H. Smith Branch of the Lexington County Library on September 15. Mrs. Toms, a native of Newberry, recently received her degree in Library Science at the University of North Carolina under the scholarship program of the State Library Board.

New Staff Member in Charleston

Elizabeth Moran, who recently completed the requirements for a M. S. in Library Science at Louisiana State University, joined the staff of the Charleston County Library on September 15. Miss Moran is from Milledgeville, Georgia, and was a recipient of a State Library Board scholarship.

LIBRARY ON TV

A TV program, "The Many Faces of Library in South Carolina", presented by the S. C. State Library Board and the S. C. ETV network, will be presented over the entire ETV network Thursday, October 20, at 9:30 P.M.

This half hour program highlights the cultural, educational, and recreational aspects of public library service in South Carolina.

Featured on the program are Mrs. Hagood Bostick, Richland County Librarian and member of the State Library Board; Dr. Gordon Blackwell, President of Furman University; and Charles Busha, Reference Consultant, State Library Board. Mackie Quave of Columbia serves as host.

SLB BROCHURES AVAILABLE

The two State Library Board brochures, "Tips for Students" and "Tips for Teachers," suggestions for more productive use of the public library, are still available for distribution. The list and poster for "Books for the College Bound" are also available upon request.

Upon the request of Norman E. Dakan, Chief Librarian at the Library Service Center, Hickam Air Field, the State Library Board granted permission for these brochures to be reproduced there. This library center serves all air force personnel in the Pacific area. Mr. Dakan wrote that it was supposed to supplement the libraries in the dependent school program for the Pacific but, by default, had assumed the complete responsibility.

REFERENCE CONSULTANT SPEAKS TO U.D.C. CHAPTER

A sketch of the historical development of public libraries in South Carolina was presented by Charles H. Busha, Reference Consultant of the State Library Board, to the Michael S. Talbert Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on September 15th.

ARTS SERIES AT SPARTANBURG LIBRARY

Two series of free programs, arranged and sponsored by member organizations of the Arts Council, are being presented at the Spartanburg County Library. Each month on the first Sunday and Monday there will be a film presentation from the Museum of Modern Art. Frances Reid is chairman for these programs. On the third Sunday of each month a series, Topics of the Times, of which Mrs. John E. Keith is chairman, will be presented.

Miss Reid reports that attendance at the first program on September 11 was 115.

S. C. COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

As a probable forerunner to a State Arts Commission, Governor Robert E. McNair has recently established a State Interagency Council on the Arts and Humanities.

The first assignment of the Council is a survey of artistic and cultural resources of the state. The year-long survey is now being made under the direction of Robert Smeltzer, a Greenville newsman, who has been involved both professionally and personally in the fine arts.

Public libraries are concerned with this survey since the library is frequently the only source of materials on the arts in a community and because libraries have taken the initiative in displaying exhibits by local artists or traveling art exhibits.

Upon receiving the report of the survey, the legislature is expected to take action on forming a State Arts Commission which would furnish advice and aid to arts groups on the local level.

MORE CARPET SAMPLES AVAILABLE

The State Library Board has received another supply of carpet samples and is offering them to libraries to use for seats at story hours. Requests will be filled in the order they are received so long as the supply lasts.

ALA PUBLICATIONS

Books for Children 1960-1965, as selected and reviewed by The Booklist and Subscription Books Bulletin, September 1960-August 1965. ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Reports prepared for Two Blocks Apart, Young Adults Division's Institute. Order from the Division at the above address.

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

The North Carolina-South Carolina Regional Library for the Blind has a new address. The first week of August was moving week for this agency, and it is now situated at 1124 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603. A hearty invitation to visit the new quarters is issued to one and all.

The Library for the Blind also wishes to announce the beginning of a collection of large-type books. These books are not provided by the Library of Congress, as are the talking books and Braille; therefore, they are available to others than the legally blind. Any library interested in borrowing large-type books for a patron is invited to write to the Regional Library for the Blind at the above address in Raleigh.

FERDINAND STILL RIDES!

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the publication of Munro Leaf's The Story of Ferdinand, Viking has prepared a limited number of posters which are available on request. A copy of the story behind The Story of Ferdinand is also offered. Wrote to Harry Simmons, Director, School and Library Department, The Viking Press, Inc., 625 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

ALA TRUSTEE CITATIONS

Nominations are open for the ALA Trustee Citation which is administered by the ALTA Jury on Citation of Trustees. Each state is invited to nominate one or more outstanding trustees to receive this honor.

Citations will be presented at the 1967 ALA Conference in San Francisco to two trustees for distinguished service to library development. They will be limited to trustees in actual service during at least part of the calendar year preceding the conference.

Nominations may be submitted by a library board, individual trustee, state library association or state trustee association. Five copies of the nominations on not more than five double-spaced typewritten pages must be submitted not later than December 15, 1966.

Suggestions for Nomination Form

The nomination should give name and address of nominee, identification with library board, membership (including offices held, etc.) in library organization, activities by which nominee contributed to library promotion and development, giving dates and description of specific way in which activity contributed (in chronological order with most recent dates first). General comments regarding the nominee and other library-related activities and achievement may be added if desired.

The nomination must be signed by the nominator with address and date. Names and addresses of any co-sponsors, endorsing agencies, and individuals may follow providing such additional signatures stay within the prescribed limitation of five double-spaced pages.

Forward application to Mrs. Raymond A. Young, Chairman, ALTA Jury on Citation of Trustees, 10 East Parkway Drive, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

Doris Brown, who is attending Rutgers on an SLB scholarship, writes:

"There is an intellectually stimulating atmosphere here, and I must admit that I like being a Southerner among Yankees. And they seem to enjoy my 'I's,' or perhaps I should say 'Ah's.' "

BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB AWARDS DISCONTINUED

The Board of Directors of the Book-of-the-Month Club has decided to terminate the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award to small libraries. The principal factor in the decision was that the program was not so vitally needed as formerly.

During the past eight years, 138 awards totalling \$186,000 have been made to small libraries. The award funds were earmarked for the purchase of books. South Carolina libraries receiving the awards were: Greenwood City and County Library, Oconee County Library, Beaufort County Library, and Colleton County Library. Beaufort won the \$5,000 national award in 1963.

The program will be replaced by a series of annual Writing Fellowship Awards to be given to college seniors who show great promise in the field of creative writing. In 1967 these awards will consist of 14 Fellowships of \$3,000 each selected on a regional basis in the United States and Canada.

KUDOS FROM CAMPERS

"For many years the State Library Commission (S. C. State Library Board) has made available a well stocked exhibit of books on camping subjects for our annual meetings and workshops. This service is much appreciated."

—Palmetto Powwow, S. C. District, Southeastern
Section, American Camping Association,
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NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

The American Library Association is encouraging libraries across the nation to participate again in National Newspaper Week, October 9-15, 1966, according to Mary Gaver, ALA President. Miss Gaver said: "The continuing theme for National Newspaper Week of 'Newspapers make a BIG difference in people's lives' as well as last year's special theme of 'Newspaper and Readers - Partners in Freedom' both reflect principles of direct concern to all kinds of libraries in the United States as well as to newspapers. Readers with inquiring minds can be best served by libraries stocked with (among other resources) newspapers reflecting the widest variety of opinion and geographical emphasis. Newspapers are also exceedingly important to libraries as a medium for making known to citizens the services and resources available to the American public by the many kinds of libraries—many of whose resources are far richer because of the greatly increased federal and state grants of recent years. Thus excellent newspapers in every community are as essential a public resource as excellent library services for the realization of an informed citizenry in our democratic society . . ."

Materials for promoting National Newspaper Week are available from Reid H. Montgomery, Secretary-Manager, S. C. Press Association, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C. 29208.

ANIMAL SECRETS

Beginning October 15, NBC TV will present the first of a series of programs, Animal Secrets. The program is scheduled every Saturday at 1 P.M. through February 11. Subjects will be: How Do Animals Travel?; How Do Animals Find Food & Shelter?; How Do Animals Communicate?; How Do Animals Learn?; Clocks, Calendars & Compasses; How Do Animals Care For Their Young?

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

The Building and Planning Committee of the Lancaster County Library Board has announced the appointment of Joseph H. Croxton of Lancaster as architect for the proposed new building for the county library headquarters.

Mrs. Walter Platt has been appointed library assistant at the Colleton County Library. Mrs. Platt succeeds Mrs. Vernon Beach, who resigned when she moved to Pennsylvania.

The Sarlin Community Library, Liberty, a branch of the Pickens County Library, has received a number of gift books, three of them as memorials.

The Chapin Memorial Library, Myrtle Beach, was mentioned as one of the free attractions in an article comparing Myrtle Beach with Coney Island in The Charlotte Observer.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$16,000 building of the Williamston Branch of the Anderson County Library was held September 9.

Rivers Varn was recently elected chairman of the Beaufort County Library Board. Mr. Varn succeeds Larry Rogers who resigned from the board.

The Lexington County bookmobile was the subject of a feature article, with a picture of the bookmobile and Mrs. Boyd Smith, the bookmobile librarian, in the Twin City News. An article from Automotive Information, giving a brief history of the development of bookmobile service, was quoted.

SYMPATHY TO

Elizabeth Porcher on the death of her brother on September 1. Miss Porcher is director of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library.

Harry H. Abernathy, Jr. on the death of his father in Statesville, N. C., September 25. Mr. Abernathy of Great Falls is a trustee and former chairman of the board of the Chester County Library.

Mrs. Shirley W. Boone, librarian, Chapin Memorial Library, Myrtle Beach, on the death of her father.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I need help —

This so-called library where I work is enough to drive anybody with an ounce of efficiency nuts!

The librarian, the administrator no less, was evidently indoctrinated from early youth by the adage: "Make it do or do without." All the equipment is antiquated and it's pulling eyeteeth to get supplies. She says "why we just got a supply of catalog cards" when "just got" was a year ago. If any of the typewriters, duplicating machines, etc., are ever pried loose from her clutches, they'll bring a handsome price from some museum of antiquity.

Working conditions are impossible—the lighting is bad and the temperature is too hot or too cold (librarian is official custodian of the thermostat).

I know that every year thousands of dollars remain unspent so it's not lack of funds.

What do you recommend—aside from resigning? I more or less have to stay in this community, but I'm

Desperate

Dear Desperate:

Although your letter depresses me, I'm glad about one thing: your situation is the exception rather than the rule.

From the depths of my depression all I can suggest is that the staff elect a grievance committee to discuss your problems with the librarian in a diplomatic way.

I thought this was the era for tender loving care of librarians, and it's unbelievable that everything possible is not done for the well-being and happiness of the staff.

Anne

PROBLEM OF UNORDERED BOOKS

Librarians who receive unordered books through the mail are reminded that they are not obligated to return them even when postage is included. They are not obligated to pay for them unless they are used. They must surrender them to the sender if they are called for within a few days, in which case they may demand storage charges.

P.ublic R.elations

SUCCESS STORY

This monthly feature is designed to show you an outstanding example of publicity or public relations done by a South Carolina public library, and to tell you how it came about.

S. C. State Library Board



Need an idea for a stimulating adult library program? Then take a good look at the Charleston County Library's "What Makes a Book Live?" lecture series! Miss Emily Sanders, Charleston County librarian, began this program last year. First of all, she gathered together a committee of interested people. The committee, composed of two library staff members and four interested citizens, then met to consider lecture topics and lecturers and to establish a schedule.

As the next step, Miss Sanders let the community know about the series. She secured newspaper, television and radio publicity. A display was set up in the main library building and schedules of the year's programs were distributed through the main and branch libraries. Monthly programs were also prepared and mailed out to people who expressed an interest or who the committee felt would be interested in the program.

The group meets one evening each month. Topics range from Goethe and Shakespeare to Ibsen and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Has the program been a success? Definitely! The series is now in its second year, and according to Miss Sanders, "The programs have been excellent, and they attract large and enthusiastic audiences."

Moral: Don't neglect adult library programs. A schedule of dynamic adult programs can become a focal point of interest in your community.

OCTOBER PUBLICITY POINTER

Do you have a new display in your library? Is it particularly attractive? Is it on a timely topic of general interest? Does it point up new books recently acquired by the library? If your answer is "yes," then you have the makings of a newspaper feature story! Tell your newspaper about it, and ask them to send a photographer to take a picture of the display.

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE

The Guidance Services of the State Department of Education has published a revised edition of the booklet, "From High School Through College with Financial Assistance." A copy may be obtained from the State Department of Education, Rutledge Building, 1429 Senate Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201.

CAROLINIANA

McFall, Pearl S. The Keowee River and Cherokee Background. \$6.00. Order from Mrs. McFall, Pickens, South Carolina.

(This limited edition will be available soon. Orders listed and filled by date of receipt.)

Lachicotte, Alberta. Rebel Senator: Strom Thurmond. Devin-Adair, \$4.95.

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